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Appln. No: 10/750,131  
Applicants: Paul F. Chouinard *et al.*  
Filed: December 31, 2003  
Title: BRAIDED ENDOLUMINAL DEVICE HAVING TAPERED FILAMENTS  
T.C./A.U.: 3731  
Examiner: Michael H. Thaler  
Confirmation No.: 9781  
Docket No.: BSI-463US2

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The status of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

A. ☒ This application was filed on December 31, 2003. We received the Official Filing Receipt on May 7, 2004. No action has been received since that date.

B. ☐ More than \_\_\_\_\_ months have passed since

- ☐ the filing of a response on \_\_\_\_\_. No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ the filing of an Appeal Brief on \_\_\_\_\_. An Examiner's Answer was mailed on \_\_\_\_\_. A Reply to the Examiner's Answer was submitted on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ the mailing of Form PTOL-327 and/or Examiner's Amendment on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Application Serial Number 10/750,131 is currently:

A. ☒ assigned to Group 3731 and awaits:

- ☐ action by the Examiner.
- ☐ response from Applicant(s) to the Office Action mailed \_\_\_\_\_.

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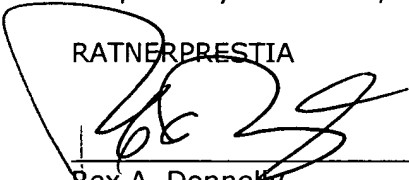
B. Appeal Number \_\_\_\_\_:

☐ awaiting action by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

☐ date of hearing expected \_\_\_\_\_.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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